

C: How many TV channels were there?

G: Hmm ... There **8** many TV channels. Three, I think.

C: Three? Now there are hundreds. Was it **9**?

G: No, it wasn't.

C: Were TVs cheap back then?

G: No, they **10**. They were expensive. TV wasn't an everyday thing. We were the first family on our street to get one. It was **11** when I was ten. That's nearly 70 years ago! TV was special in the 1950s. We all watched TV together – the whole family. It was the same in every home in the country.

C: Everyone at the same time? That's funny. Were they happy?

G: Yes, they were. It was normal!

C: Mom and Dad often watch TV on their laptops and Susan has a tablet. We all watch TV alone.

G: People today **12** more time alone. It was very different when I was young. Parents, children, grandparents were all together more. TV was a shared **13**.

C: Was that nice, Grandpa?

G: Yes, it was. I wasn't lonely. People did things together. It was fun.